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* INDIANA SINCLAIR-TIMEX NEWSLETTER *

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This issue....

Next meetings -- January, February and March

Mechanical Affinity Mini-Catalog

USERS'S GROUP Magazine Order Form (this offer is available to all readers of this newsletter, good prices!). These are greatly reduced prices on popular computer magazines. Send your order and payment to Paul Holmgren in order to get your subscriptions.

FORGOTTEN TIPS by Mike Felerski (TS1000 and TS2068)

UPDATE Magazine Subscription Form

QUANTA Membership Application (the largest QL User Group in the world, with monthly magazine and 40+ meg of public domain and shareware programs for members only. All you pay for is media and postage.)

The latest QUANTA Program Library Update

A map of how to get to the ISTUG Meetings

MEETINGS OF ISTUG

The January meeting will be on January 25th , 1:30 PM at the Eagledale Public Library. For those who need directions call Paul Holmgren at 317-291-6002 or Frank Davis at 317-473-8031. All meetings, unless notified otherwise are held the last Saturday of each month, at 1:30 P.M. at the Eagledale Public library. The meeting for February will be held at the same time and place on 29th of February. That's right we have a Leap Year! The meeting for March will be held on March 28th, same time and place. For those who are new or have not been to a meeting for a while we have enclosed a map showing how to get there. You are always welcome to bring a guest, either family or friends. ISTUG meetings are not tightly ran as a club with Roberts Rules of Order. They are for getting help with a computing problem, showing off that new hardware or software, and for finding out what is happening in computing. We do not bite, nor do we try to be gurus. Friends helping friends.

NEWS AND APOLOGY

First let me say that I realize this newsletter will be getting out late. The reasons are good, but personal. Too much to do in too little time. I shall continue to try to do my best, but if any complain too loudly the job of newsletter editor will be offered to them.

For both the January and the February meeting I suggest we all bring some old software or hardware that we do not use to either swap or sell to one another. Perhaps that way we can all find something no longer offered by our few remaining dealers that we have always wanted. I will bring some of my stuff. See you at the meetings. FWD

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All funds are in U.S. dollars, and include postage paid except where noted to include additional packing and insurance.

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SYNCWARE NEWS Vol. 1 \$8 All volume 1 issues bound in one book
TOURING THE TS2068 ROM OPERATING SYSTEM by WIDJUP \$12
QL TECHNICAL GUIDE \$15
QL SERVICE MANUAL \$12

extras & new items

Replacement or backup power supply for the QL, no serious user should be without one. Available for only \$15.

Micro Drive Cartridges 4 for \$15

MDV labels, 3 sheets for \$1.25. For the QL.

QL replacement membranes for keyboard \$15.

Disk Drives, half height 3 1/2 and 5 1/4. Order from Paul at \$55 @ for 3 1/2 or 5 1/4, or \$165 for dual 3 1/2's w/ case & power.

Panasonic KX-3131 Daisy Wheel Printer, with extra ribbons and print wheels for \$115, includes P. & H. Parallel Interface.

Towa Daisy Wheel Printer with extra ribbons and print wheels, parallel interface, QUME compatible for ribbons and print wheels. For only \$115, includes P. & H.

5 1/4" 360K or 729K disks with Tyvek sleeves-- 100 for \$18.00

IBM Keyboards, 101 keys PC-AT types, for \$15 each.

LOTUS 1-2-3, new never used fullpackage with registration papers for only \$75. For IBM or Compatible or QL IBM Emulator.

Commodore 1520 Color Plotter Printer with John McMichael Board that allows this to be used on TS2068 with Oliger motherboard. Includes software, all for only \$100.

Rotronics Wafadrive, two 128K stringy floppy drives, parallel and serial printer ports, Spectrum mode only, for \$90.

NEW

GOLD CARD FOR THE QL. THIS ALLOWS YOU TO HAVE 2 MEG OF MEMORY, 16 MEGAHERTZ SPEED. upto 4 times the present speed of your QL, AND USE UPTO THREE DRIVES INCLUDING THE 1.4 AND NEW 3.2 MEG DRIVES. HAS FULL TK2 AND EVEN INCLUDES THE CODE FOR OPERATING A WINCHESTER HARD DRIVE (hard drive interface and hard drive not included). All of this for only \$500 plus \$10 for insurance and handling. We take care of any import duty. Prepayment and please allow extra time for shipping.

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FORGOTTEN TIPS

By Mike Federski



Programming tips
which should not
be lost to time.

I WAS GOING THROUGH MY COLLECTION OF VARIOUS TIMEX SINCLAIR MAGAZINES AND NEWSLETTERS THE OTHER EVENING. ALMOST ALL OF THE PUBLICATIONS HAVE GONE OUT OF BUSINESS AND OUT OF PRINT. AS I PAGED THROUGH SOME OF THE ISSUES, I REALIZED THAT THERE WAS QUITE A BIT OF INFORMATION WHICH COULD BECOME LOST WITH TIME. SO, FROM THE DEPTHS OF TIME DESIGNS, SLIM, ZX COMPUTING AND TS HORIZONS, I BRING YOU SOME OF THE BEST OF THE PROGRAMMING TIPS FOR THE TS1000 AND TS2068 COMPUTERS:

1. TS2068 And Spectrum Save

IF YOU WISH TO REPLACE THE "START TAPE THEN PRESS ENTER" MESSAGE, TRY THE FOLLOWING:

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10 PRINT #0;"PLEASE START YOUR  
TAPE";"AFTER WHICH PRESS ENTER"  
20 POKE 26689,38:SAVE "TEST"
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WHEN USING A SPECTRUM, YOU CAN USE POKE 23736,181 WHICH WILL START SAVING IMMEDIATELY.

2. Cleaning Messy Load Screens

MANY PROGRAMS WILL LOAD AN INTRODUCTION SCREEN BEFORE LOADING THE PROGRAM ITSELF. OFTEN WHEN THE PROGRAM BEGINS TO LOAD, THE PROGRAM NAME WRITES OVER THIS SCREEN.

TO AVOID THIS, WE CAN ADD TO THE SCREEN LOADER PROGRAM A:

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POKE 23570,16
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THEN, AFTER THE PROGRAM HAS LOADED, WE MUST THEN:

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POKE 23570,6
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THIS WILL ALLOW PRINTS AND LISTS TO WORK AS NORMAL. WITHOUT THIS POKE, PRINTS WILL NOT WORK CORRECTLY.

3. Playing with the INKEY Prompt

DID YOU EVER WISH YOU COULD FORCE THE PROMPT IN AN INKEYS OR INPUT COMMAND? SAY YOU WANT TO FORCE ALL INPUT TO BE IN UPPERCASE, LOWERCASE, GRAPHIC OR EXTENDED MODE... HERE IS HOW IT CAN BE DONE:

```
POKE 23658,0 FOR UPPERCASE MODE  
POKE 23658,1 FOR LOWERCASE MODE
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POKE 23617,2 FOR GRAPHIC MODE  
POKE 23617,1 FOR EXTENDED MODE
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4. A PAUSE 0 Command for the 1000

ONE USEFUL FEATURE ON THE TS2068 AND SPECTRUM COMPUTERS IS THE COMMAND, PAUSE 0, WHICH CAUSES THE COMPUTER TO GO INTO A WAIT STATE UNTIL A KEY ON THE KEYBOARD IS PRESSED. THE TS1000/1500 DOES NOT SUPPORT PAUSE 0. SO IN ORDER TO PAUSE LIKE THE TS2068, USE:

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PAUSE 20000
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THIS COMMAND HAS THE SAME EFFECT AS THE PAUSE 0 COMMAND ON THE TS2068 WHERE THE TS1000 WILL WAIT IN A LOOP FOR THE PRESS OF A KEY.

5. TS1000 Available RAM Check

HERE IS A COMMAND WHICH WILL REVEAL THE AMOUNT OF RAM WHICH IS AVAILABLE FOR PROGRAMMING, (I.E. RANTOP) ON THE TS1000/1500 COMPUTERS:

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PRINT((PEEK 16388+256*PEEK 16389)-16384)/1024;"K AVAILABLE"
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6. 16K Programs-32K RAM and the TS1000 A-9 Microdrive

THE A-9 MICRODRIVE FOR THE TS1000 USES 1K OF RAM WHEN SAVING AND LOADING. WHEN YOU HAVE A TS1000 PROGRAM WHICH TAKES UP AT LEAST 15K OR MORE, DATA CAN AND WILL BE CORRUPTED WHEN YOU CALL UP THE FULL FEATURE MAIN MENU. IN ORDER TO USE THE MICRODRIVE AND THE LARGER PROGRAMS, YOU MUST ADD A 16K RAM PACK TO EITHER THE TS1000 OR TS1500 AND ENTER THE FOLLOWING ON POWER-UP:

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POKE 16388,0  
POKE 16389,188  
NEW
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THEN USE RAND USR 13082 TO ACCESS THE FULL FEATURED MAIN MENU, BECAUSE THE RANTOP WILL BE SET TO 31K LEAVING 1K FOR THE A-9 DRIVE.

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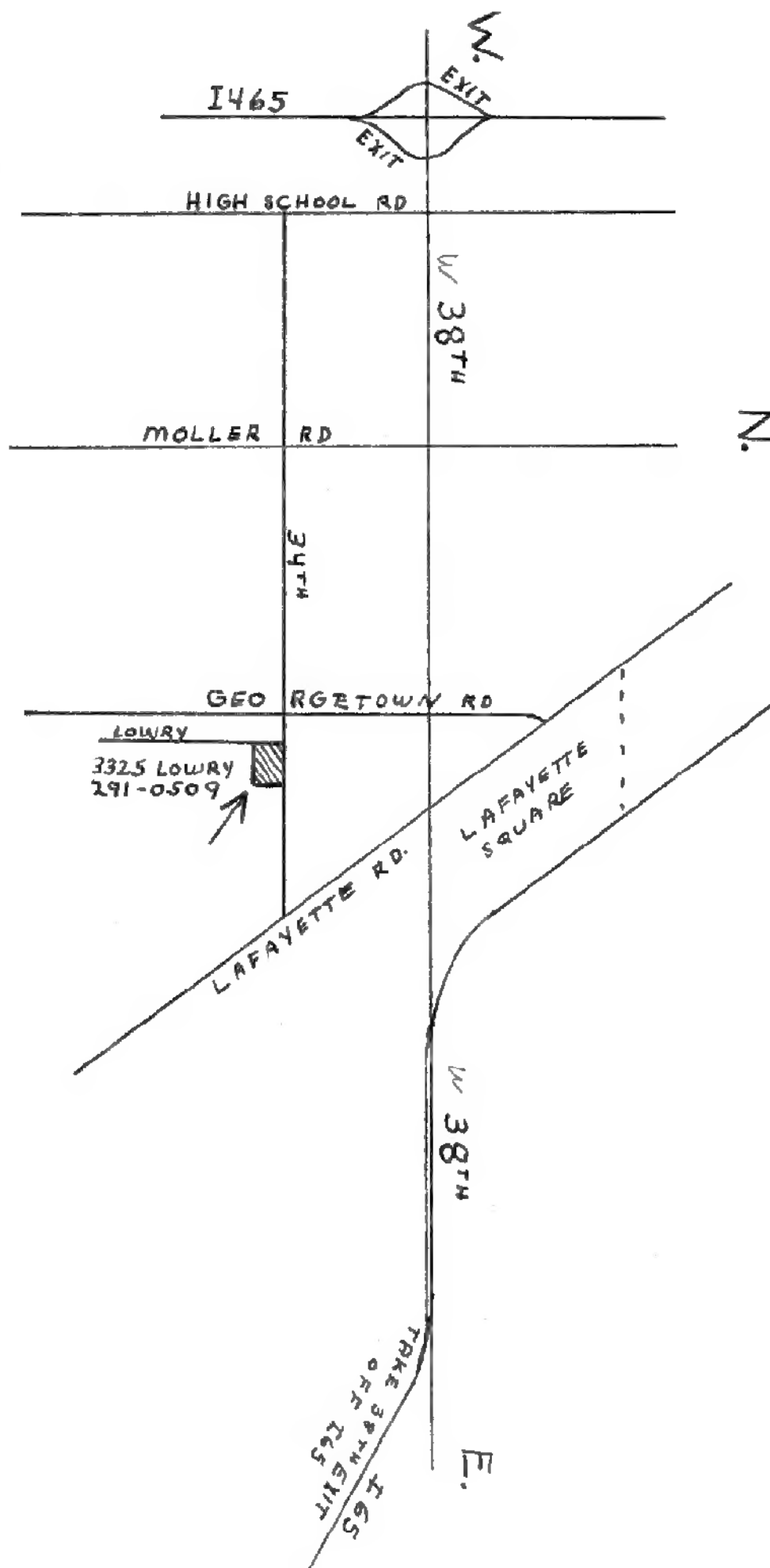
Figure 10. 1999-2000 Food Marketing channels and their 2000

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